



## ***United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims***

### **William A. Moorman Judge**

Judge William A. Moorman was appointed a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims by the President of the United States on November 20, 2004. His appointment continues a career of public service begun when he entered active duty in the United States Air Force as a Second Lieutenant in September, 1971.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Judge Moorman attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Economics in 1967. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1970 and was designated a Distinguished Graduate in 2000. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force that same year through the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

As an active duty Air Force judge advocate, Judge Moorman served as the senior attorney at every level of command. He was the first Staff Judge Advocate of the joint service U.S. Strategic Command and was the Staff Judge Advocate of the air component for Operation Just Cause in Panama and the Bosnian operations in Europe. He was the only Judge Advocate ever to serve as the Airborne Emergency Action Officer aboard Looking Glass, the nation's airborne nuclear forces command post. His active military service culminated in his appointment as the Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force. Judge Moorman's military decorations include the Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters. He retired from the Air Force in April, 2002, in the grade of Major General.

In July, 2002, Judge Moorman joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as Counselor to the General Counsel to manage the Department's effort to overhaul its compensation and pension regulations. In March 2003, he was named Assistant to the Secretary for Regulation Policy and Management. In this position he was a senior

advisor to the Secretary with principal responsibility for regulatory reform.

In August, 2004, he was appointed by the President as Acting Assistant Secretary for Management for the Department of Veterans Affairs. In that position, he was responsible for managing all financial, budgetary, acquisition, real property, and logistics operations. He served as the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Environmental Officer, and Chief Acquisition Officer for VA during this period. He resigned that position in order to accept his appointment as a Judge on this Court.